

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture comprising

- (i) a water absorbing composition and
- (ii) an aqueous emulsion of organic polymer or
- (iii) dispersible organic polymer,

wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains inorganic ingredients which are capable to react with water and the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 13 weight % lime and at least 5 weight % of a cementitious composition of which components form ettringite during the ~~absorption absorption~~ of water and wherein the amount of the aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) in relation to (i) is such as to provide a ratio of combined weight of polymer solids to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 0.5 : 1 to 10: 1, ~~preferably 1: 1 to 4: 1~~ and

wherein the amount of dispersible organic polymer (iii) in relation to (i) is such as to give a ratio of combined weight of polymers to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 0.5 : 1 to 10: 1, ~~preferably 1: 1 to 4: 1~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture according to claim 1, wherein the sum of the weight of the lime and the weight of the cementitious composition is 67 to 100%, ~~preferably 90 to 100% and more preferably approximately 100%~~ of the total weight of the water absorbing composition (i).
3. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 25 weight %, ~~preferably at least 62 weight % lime~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the cementitious composition contains calcium aluminate and calcium sulfate.
5. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein in respect to the formation of ettringite the water absorbing composition (i) contains a stoichiometric surplus of lime.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of applying a coating to a surface which method comprises forming a settable mixture according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, containing a water absorbing composition (i) and an aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) and putting the settable mixture on the surface to form a coating ~~preferably at least 2 mm in thickness~~.
7. (Currently Amended) A method of applying a coating to a surface which method comprises forming a settable mixture according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, containing water absorbing composition (i) and dispersible organic polymer (iii), combining the settable mixture with water and putting the mixture on the surface to form a coating ~~preferably at least 2 mm in thickness~~.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Coating manufaturable~~ The coating made according to [[a]] ~~the~~ method which is defined in claim 6 or 7.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of using the Use of a coating as defined in claim 8 as a rock support means.
10. (Currently Amended) A method of using the Use of a coating as defined in claim 8 as a waterproofing means.
11. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) in relation to (i) is such as to provide a ratio of combined weight of polymer solids to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 1: 1 to 4: 1.

12. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 1 wherein the amount of dispersible organic polymer (iii) in relation to (i) is such as to give a ratio of combined weight of polymers to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 1: 1 to 4: 1.
13. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 1 wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 62 weight % lime.
14. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 2 wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 62 weight % lime.
15. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 2 wherein the cementitious composition contains calcium aluminate and calcium sulfate.
16. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 2 wherein in respect to the formation of ettringite the water absorbing composition (i) contains a stoichiometric surplus of lime.
17. (New) The method of applying a coating to a surface according to claim 6 wherein the coating is at least 2 mm in thickness.
18. (New) The method of applying a coating to a surface according to claim 7 wherein the coating is at least 2 mm in thickness.
19. (New) The coating made according to the method which is defined in claim 7.
20. (New) The method of using the coating as defined in claim 19 as a rock support means or as a waterproofing means.